

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Marvin T. Ling

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For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSACTING

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE USING ACCOUNT HIERARCHY AND LOCKING OF ACCOUNTS

Group Art Unit: 3624

Examiner : Ella Colbert

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and comments.